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TAGSZ: CDES, SA (ROBERTS, THOMAS EDWIN)
SUBJ: DEATH OF THOMAS EDWIN ROBERTS

REF: STATE 136038

1. CONOFF SPOKE WITH DR. FARID HINDIEH AT LOCKHEED CO. WHO HAD BEEN ROBERTS BEFORE HIS DEATH. DR. HINDIEH STATED THAT DEATH WAS DUE TO AN INFECTION OF THE LUNGS AND ADDED THAT ROBERTS DEATH WAS SIMILAR IN SOME RESPECTS TO ACCOUNTS HE HAS READ OF LEGIONNAIRES DISEASE. DOCTOR BELIEVES EMBALMING OF BODY WILL MINIMIZE ANY DANGER IF DISEASE WAS CONTAGIOUS.

2. AUTOPSY IS NOT NORMALLY PERFORMED IN SAUDI ARABIA, AUTOPSY IS USUALLY RESERVED FOR CASES INVOLVING CRIMINAL CAUSE OF DEATH AND EVEN THEN MUST BE APPROVED BY PRINCE OF MECCA. UNDOUBTEDLY, HOSPITAL IN US WOULD BE BETTER EQUIPPED TO PERFORM AUTOPSY IF NECESSARY. DR. ABDUL-RAHMAN DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL HOSPITAL WHERE BODY PRESENTLY LOCATED, STATES NO AUTOPSY WILL BE PERFORMED WITHOUT A MOTION FROM POLICE.

3. ARRANGEMENTS HAVE NOT BEEN COMPLETED FOR SHIPMENT OF REMAINS SINCE ONLY MORTICIAN AVAILABLE HAS BACKLOG OF CASES. HE HAS BEEN ADVISED THAT AUTOPSY MAY BE PERFORMED IN US.

4. POST WILL INFORM DEPT. AND US FUNERAL HOME OF
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